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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Ali Alavi

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 7-22 and 24-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) 5, 6 and 23 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 June 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the heat sink in claims 13 and 31 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

Claim 24 is objected under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 6. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-4, 7-11, 19-22, and 25-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Keuper et al (US Pat. No 5,947,587).

Keuper discloses an optical signal transmitter device, comprising: a base plate (6, fig. 1), at least two light elements (4, fig. 1) located on said base plate in a configuration for solely defining a specific predetermined emission characteristic and a condenser (7) configured on an optical axis at a fixed distance away from said light elements for projecting light emitted from said light elements infinity (fig. 1), said

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condenser has a focal plane and said light elements are located slightly away from said focal plane of said condenser (focal 8, is away from the LEDs), the condenser has a focal plane, said light elements are located on said focal plane of said condenser said condenser has a configuration of optical structures for deliberate defocusing (fig. 1), wherein said condenser has a surface facing said light elements and said optical structures are configured on said surface (fig. 1), are convex surface (fresnel lens) spherical lenses that each have a each of said optical structures are fitted on said surface of surface faces said light said condenser such elements; and that said convex said optical structures each have a focal length that short and said in comparison with a condenser, said condenser a Fresnel lens (col. 3, line 50), the light elements are LEDS (4, col. 3, line 53), said light elements are LED semiconductor bodies fitted directly to said base plate (fig. 1), base plate is a panel (5, fig. 1).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 12-18, and 30-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Keuper in view of Shimizu et al.

Keuper discloses the claimed invention as applied above except for the heat sink and the light elements are electrically connected in series or in parallel. Shimizu

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discloses a LED illumination apparatus including a heat sink for dissipating heat generated from the LEDs and further discloses that the multi colored LEDs are connected in parallel or series in groups and can be activated independently in order to generate a desired color of illumination. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate a heat sink in the system of Keuper for dissipate heat generated from the plurality of LEDs from the housing in order to increase the life expectancy and light output of the LEDs.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5, 6, and 23 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. "...said optical structures are spherical lenses that each have a convex surface, each of said optical structures are fitted on said surface of said condenser such that said convex surface faces said light elements, and said optical focal length that is short in comparison with a distance between said base plate and said condenser."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Shaffer (US Pat. No 6,283,613) discloses a LED traffic light with a fresnel lens, Martineau (US 2002/0105801) discloses a single optical element LED signal.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communication from the examiner should be directed to Ali Alavi whose telephone number is (571) 272-2365.

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The examiner can normally be reached between 7:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. Tuesday to Friday. If attempts to reach the examiner by phone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandy O'Shea can be reached at (571) 272-2378 or you may fax your inquiry to the **Central Fax** at (703) 872-9306.

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